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C O N F I D E N T I A L TOKYO 2208

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SUBJECT: CITRUS FUNGICIDES

REF: TOKYO 2184

1. PRESS STORIES REPORTED IN REFTEL ARE APPARENTLY BASED ON GENERAL ECONOMIC BRIEFING GIVEN BY DIRECTOR GENERAL MOTONO OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BUREAU OF FOREIGN OFFICE FEBRUARY 15. MOTONO TOLD US TODAY THAT CABINET SECRETARY SONODA WAS DISTRESSED AT COVERAGE GIVEN BY PRESS SINCE HE STILL SEES CONSIDERABLE DOMESTIC POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES (SUCH AS THOSE DETAILED IN LAST PARAGRAPH OF TOKYO 1971) IN GOJ AGREEING TO PERMIT IMPORTS OF FUNGICIDE TREATED CITRUS.

2. DURING THE COURSE OF A MEETING WITH DEPUTY MINISTER YOSHINO FEB 16, ARRANGED TO HEAR HIS IMPRESSIONS OF HIS RECENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON, YOSHINO TOOK THE INITIATIVE IN RAISING THE CITRUS ISSUE POINTING OUT THAT THESE PRESS REPORTS WERE INACCURATE. THE CHARGE COMMENTED THAT HE HAD BEEN ENCOURAGED TO SEE THESE REPORTS SINCE THEY SEEM TO BEAR OUR CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY SONODA'S COMMENTS DURING THE SECOND MONDALE/FUKUDA MEETING TO THE EFFECT THAT AN EARLY RESOLUTION OF THE FUNGICIDE ISSUE, AT LEAST FOR OPP, SEEMED LIKELY. YOSHINO SAID THAT HE

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UNDERSTOOD THAT THE AMERICAN SIDE HAD OBTAINED THAT IMPRESSION FROM THE WAY IN WHICH SONODA'S COMMENTS HAD BEEN INTERPRETED (I.E. THAT THE DATA ON OPP WAS ABOUT TO BE PRESENTED TO THE FOOD SANITATION INVESTIGATION COUNCIL (FSIC) AND THAT SOME RESULT COULD BE EXPECTED IN ABOUT SIX WEEKS). IN FACT, HOWEVER, YOSHINO EXPLAINED, THE INTERPRETER HAD MISSED AN IMPORTANT

NUANCE IN SONODA'S REMARKS. WHAT SONODA WAS SAYING WAS THAT ONCE THE DATA WAS PRESENTED TO THE FSIC IT WOULD REQUIRE ABOUT SIX WEEKS FOR A FINAL DETERMINATION; BUT, YOSHINO POINTED OUT, SONODA DID NOT SAY WHEN THE DATA WAS GOING TO BE PRESENTED. YOSHINO WENT ON TO IMPLY THAT SONODA HIMSELF IS DEEPLY INVOLVED IN THE POLITICS OF THIS ISSUE AND IS HOLDING UP ACTION.

3. YOSHINO IS EXTREMELY CONCERNED THAT THIS ISSUE BE RESOLVED PRIOR TO THE CARTER/FUKUDA MEETING AND SAID THAT HE INTENDED TO RECOMMEND THIS STRONGLY TO PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA WHEN HE REPORTS TO HIM ON HIS WASHINGTON TRIP.
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